(b) what are the investments provided under the IRDP during the current from plan period;

(c) whether any assessment has been made of the developments that resulted from the programme in the rural areas;

(d) if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(e) whether it is proposed to increase the investments under IRDP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY): (a) and (b) The sector-wise and programme-wise plan allocation for Seventh Plan is made on the basis of availability of resources and priorities. The total allocation for Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) in Seventh Plan is Rs.: 2358.81 crores. Term credit of the order of Rs. 4000.00 crores is likely to be generated.

(c) and (d) The impact of the programme has been evaluated through various Research Studies and also through monthly Concurrent Evaluation studies initiated since October, 1985. According to Concurrent Envaluation Study of January —December, 1987, about 13 per cent old families crossed the revised poverty line of Rs. 6400|- and about 60 per cent old beneficiaries crossed the poverty line of Rs. 3500. The assets generated incremental income of more than Rs. 2000|- in 26 per cent cases and between Rs. 1001—Rs. 2000 in 24 per cent cases and between Rs. 501|—Rs. 1000 in 17 per cent cases. It was upto Rs. 500 in 10 per cent cases.

(e) During the first four years of Seventh Plan, against the Central share of allocation of Rs. 1186.79 crores, an amount of Rs. 1173.71 crores is anticipated to be utilised.

Going by above trend, it is expected that investment under IRDP in the Seventh Plan period (1985—90) will be much higher than the allocation originally envisaged.

Study of Wage Structure of mine workers

1821. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the wage structure of the labourers engaged in mining operations has been studied recently keeping in view of the rising cost of living and the risks involved in their work;

(b) whether it is proposed to improve their minimum wages; and

(c) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI BINDESHWARI DUBEY): (a) The Labour Bureau has conducted Occupational Wage Survey in Coal, Iron-ore, Manganese, Mica and Oil Mines.

(b) and (c) The Ministry of Labour has issued a notification dated 25-10-1988 revising the rates of minimum wages in the scheduled mining employments. The details of these rates are given in the Statement enclosed (*See* below).

Statement

Revsed rates of wages incheduled mining employments from 25-10-1988.

Revised wages at CPI —753 (12 *monthly CPI average in June*, 1988).

	Above Ground	Below Ground
	Rs.	Rs.
Unskilled	15 30	18 45
Semi-skilled	19.05	22.85
Skilled	23 75	28.15
Clerical	23 75	..

Rate of special allowance for every 4 points rise or fall in CPI Number beyond 753 for Industrial Workers to be adjusted on half yearly basis in October and April.

	Above ground	Below ground
Unskilled	8 paise	10 paise
Semi-skilled	10 ,,	12 ,,
Skilled/Clerical	12 ,,	15 ,,

Plant Protection Umbrella in Haryana

1822. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Haryana has devised a plant protection umbrella as reported in the 'Economic Times' of the 20th October, 1988; and

(b) whether it is based on Integrated Pest Management and Biological Control technology now fully developed in India and elsewhere which reduces danger posed by chemical pesticides in respect of resistance amongst vectors and pests occupational health hazards and pesticide poisoning etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) The Government of Haryana has reported that no specific new strategy has been devised for the current year. Plant protection measures constitute a continuing activity of the State Government.

(b) Integrated Pest Management including biological control is being popularised in Haryana to reduce the side effects of chemical pesticides.

Atrocities on Nath Community

1823. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the houses of 45 families belonging to the Nath Community were burnt on 21-8-88 and 11-9-88 in Assam Zilelao Village in Pali District of Rajasthan allegedly by Rawat Rajputs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to arrest persons found responsibile for this and what action has been taken against them; and

(d) the steps being taken to provide security to these families.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) to (d) The information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Import of Pesticides for Cotton Heliothis Pest

1824. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether imports of four new pesticides has been permitted for cotton Heliothis pest and if so, the details thereof indicating the loss as appeared in the 'Newstime' of the 27th October, 1988;

(b) whether these four chemicals have been field tested by ICAR or CIL before clearance and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these four chemicals are already registered in India after requisite tests and formalities as per the Act;

(d) whether Government had obtained authentic official reports from Govern-